

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 and 32-36 are pending in this application. Claims 30 and 31 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101; Claims 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Sebastian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,718,506, hereinafter "Sebastian"). Claims 1-29 and 32-36 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-29 and 32-36.

With regard to the rejections of Claims 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Sebastian, Claims 30 and 31 are canceled, making these rejections moot.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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